

THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA
Executive Director, AIA Nevada/AIA Las Vegas

Our lobbyist, **FRED HILLERBY**, reports that federal stimulus money remains a hot topic in Carson City. Hearings continue on how the money can be used, and what priorities should be funded first. The Nevada Dept. of Transportation has approved its list of \$140 million in projects, and the Legislature continues working on its plans to spend the money and create a new committee to oversee that spending. Some pots of the new money will go through a dizzying array of budget maneuvers as it is used to fill budget holes, transferred to other agencies to match other stimulus funds, and back to the agencies it was designed to fund in the first place.

Two separate bills have been heard to mandate new benefits in health insurance policies, in this case autism and acupuncture. Labor unions support increased workers compensation benefits and increased safety training and oversight requirements. Advocates for the under- and un-insured, the unemployed, and other groups have a list of desires. All of this in the face of declining budget revenues and increasingly bad news for nearly every sector of the business community. Legislators have their hands full dealing with their core constituencies and the painful realities of paying the bills.

Also looming in April are deadlines to get bills introduced, get them passed out of committees, and on their way to the other house. This also coincides with the Democratic leadership's self-imposed deadline to finish budget hearings, announce how much they want to raise to meet their goals, and just which taxes they will put on the list. Stay tuned to see who will be remembered as a Caesar and who a Brutus when the dust settles from this Ides of March.

AIA Nevada continues to push for "Pencil Ready Projects" in order to get the industry back on its feet, and are now taking the message to City Councils, Planning Commissions, and State, Local Public Works Boards and all entities that can generate projects. Another visit to Carson City is planned within the next two weeks, in order to again urge legislators to generate "Pencil Ready Projects". If you are interested in representing the AIA in Carson City, please contact Randy at rlavigne@aianevada.org. If you can't go to Carson City, you'll want to call your representatives and encourage them to generate jobs in the design industry with pencil ready projects.



ARCHITECTURE WEEK EVENTS

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AIA Nevada is also tracking a number of bills this session, many of which are based on supporting renewable energy and sustainability efforts. These bills include:

AB147 (BDR 753) - Requires local governments to grant preference to local bidders bidding on certain contracts for goods or services.

AB148 (BDR 276) - Requires certain health and safety training for construction workers and supervisors.

AB166 (BDR 30) - Makes various changes to provisions relating to employment practices.

AB175 (BDR 1032) - Temporarily revises the provisions governing the prequalification of bidders on public works of this State.

AB192 (BDR 245) - Revises provisions governing certain performance contracts for operating cost-savings measures.


AB223 (BDR 857) - Revises provisions concerning preferences for bidders on certain state purchasing and public works contracts.

The list of the current bills being tracked by AIA continues on page 6 of this newsletter.



YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM EVENTS

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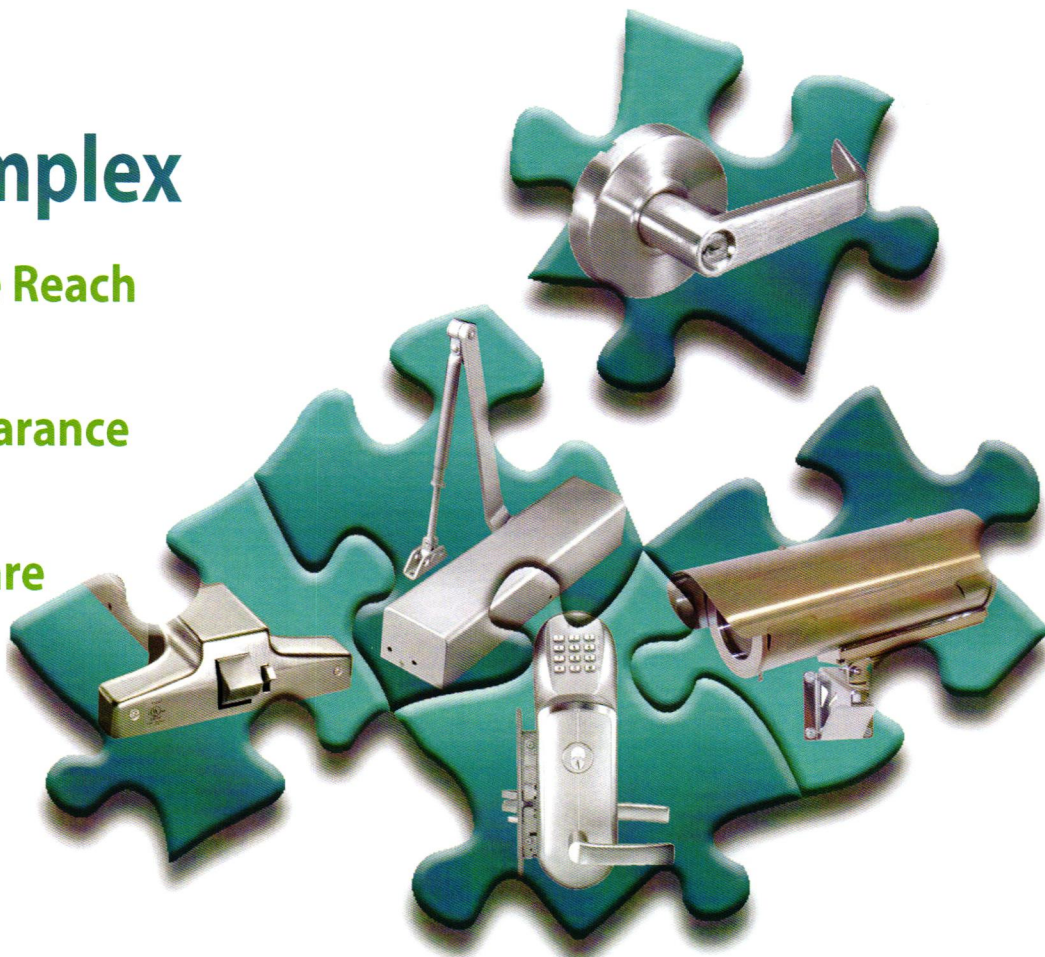
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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As many of you know, this month we celebrate "Architecture Week." This series of events is held to help demonstrate to the public the importance and need for good architecture. Some of the events to take place include the unveiling of Architecture Las Vegas Magazine, the AIA High School Design Awards and CANstruction. Another event taking place is the Unbuilt Las Vegas Design Awards exhibit in the 5th Street School Gallery. This latter one I find to be particularly interesting.

Judging unbuilt work is always a tricky thing. In some cases what is visualized on paper or the computer screen may be modified for various reasons once built, or may not come to fruition at all. However, we all know that these are facts of life in the construction industry. So why is unbuilt work important? I'll start with the theoretical projects. These demonstrate new and innovative ideas that are unencumbered by real world construction techniques or cost constraints that architects have to consider when designing "real" projects. This pushes the boundaries of design and raises questions that we, as designers, should always ask ourselves so as to not fall prey to the "this is the way it's done" mode of design. I think of it like a great science fiction novel, one that contains ideas that at the time are "fiction", but become reality in the near future. Classic examples of this are robots and satellite communications. As we appraise unbuilt designs we rely a great deal on the graphic presentation. A well-presented concept conveys all of the qualities that the designer intends the occupant to experience once the project is built. The project thus acquires a deeper meaning, and the judge has a better understanding of the designer's thought processes. Much like our reaction while watching "How It's Made," we get a better appreciation for an object once we see the thought and care that went into the making of that object.

Lastly, the unbuilt exhibit gives a preview of what's to come. It shows projects of all types that architects have spent long hours on in the hopes that they will be built one day. This year many projects that have been submitted and they are great examples of the quality of design for which Las Vegas should be known. There are gifted designers in our community, and we will celebrate much of this great talent during Architecture Week.

Truly, Architecture Week will be an exciting time in our community and an exciting time for our members. The mayor will help us get the week started and our magazine will be unveiled. We will meet the next generation of designers at the High School Design Awards; we will see the fun and innovative constructions for families in need at CANstruction; and we will see possible future projects in the Unbuilt Las Vegas exhibit. As always, I hope that each of you can join us for these wonderful activities and can help us celebrate architecture in style!

Quote of the month:

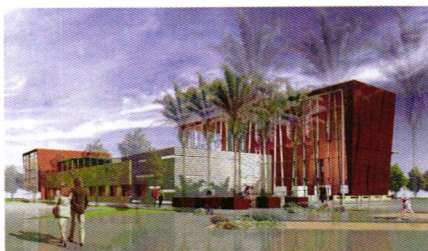
"Consider the momentous event in architecture when the wall parted and the column became." Louis Kahn

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ARCHITECTURE WEEK APRIL 13-18

We have a full week of exciting activities that enhance the public's awareness of architects, design and our built environment. So, celebrate with usmark these dates on your calendar and tune your radio to 88.9 – KNPR - Nevada Public Radio.

This year events include....

Monday, April 13th

Architecture Week Kick-Off Party

Join us when Mayor Oscar Goodman officially proclaims Architecture Week, and we unveil the 9th edition of our Architecture Las Vegas Magazine. The opening reception with special guests will be held in the courtyard at the Historic Fifth Street School – 5:30PM. RSVP online at the www.aialasvegas.org website.

"Unbuilt Las Vegas" Exhibit Opening and Reception

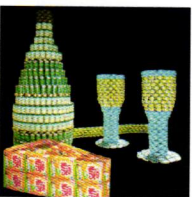
This special Design Awards Program features architectural work that to date remains unbuilt – theoretical, academic and unbuilt projects. It is an opportunity for the entire design community -- practicing professionals, educators and students to have their unbuilt work juried and honored for design excellence. Applaud the award recipients for Honor, Merit and Citation achievements. The exhibit will remain open in the gallery at the Historic Fifth Street School until April 30.

Wednesday, April 15th

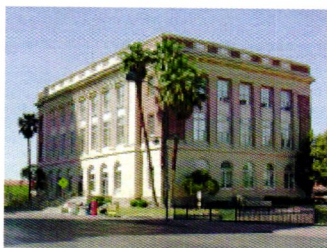
AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards

Meet the future at the AIA Las Vegas High School Design Awards. This annual program recognizes talented high school drafting students from Clark County Schools and rewards their efforts. They want to meet YOU.... Real Architects ... and learn more about the profession. Plan to attend and share your knowledge and experience. 5:30PM in the auditorium and gallery space at the Historic Fifth Street School. RSVP online at the www.aialasvegas.org website.

Thursday, April 16th

CANstruction Exhibit

CANstruction provides a great opportunity to give back to the community through the Three-Square Food Bank. Teams are already working to construct delicious, nutritious, interesting and structurally sound structures that will be juried and recognized as the best. Plan to join us for this outstanding event. Reception will be held at 6:00PM in the Fashion Show Mall at the Runway. RSVP online at the www.aialasvegas.org website.

**MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING****ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN DOWNTOWN LAS VEGAS**

How much do you know about your downtown? What's going on with the redevelopment and plans for the future? Where is our public art? What's happening with the bone yard and the old post office? A walking tour of the city should answer these and many other questions. So, that's what we've planned for our May Membership Meeting. It's spring and the weather should be wonderful for a walk around the town. We'll start at the Historic Fifth Street School, of course, with a brief reception. Then break into small groups and visit some of the most interesting, historic, and architecturally significant sites in our city. Plan to attend 5:30PM on Wednesday, May 20th at the Fifth Street School. RSVP online at the www.aialasvegas.org website.



EP-YAF ACTIVITIES

Emerging Professionals, Young Architects, Associates, Interns and Students - the following activities are especially planned by the EP-YAF committee for YOU.

JOIN THE EPYAF CONSTRUCTION TEAM!

EPYAF has formed a team for Construction. Emerging Professionals and Young Architects from various firms are coming together for this cause. Join our team and show your creative skills! Please email Angela Jenkins at ajenkins@pscarchitects.com to get plugged in. CANstruction is part of the AIA LV Architecture Week events. Please see cover for more details.

MENTORSHIP DINNERS

The next mentorship dinner is with J. Windom Kimsey, FAIA at his own house on Friday, April 17 at 6:00 pm. Only the first eight people to RSVP on AIA Las Vegas website will be able to attend. No leeway, sorry. Join him for an evening of home-cooked meal, and an interactive exchange of information. And don't forget to bring questions. The cost for the evening is \$5 for AIA members and \$10 for non-AIA members. Please go to www.aialasvegas.org and RSVP under calendar of events. RSVPs on facebook will not count!

STAY POSTED

Logon to Facebook.com and join the group Emerging Professionals/Young Architects Forum and stay posted on our activities. For information on any EP-YAF events, contact Deepika Padam, AIA at dpadam@tatesnyderkimsey.com



PARKING UPDATE

The City of Las Vegas has removed the parking meters from the Historic Fifth Street School parking lot, which means that members attending events or visiting the AIA office no longer have to

pay for parking in the lot. It is still necessary to feed the meters when parking on the street or in the city garages.



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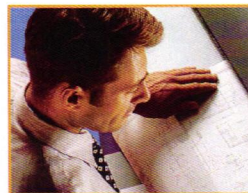
The Downtown Design Studio 'SKETCH CLUB' meets every Saturday morning (11-ish) to walk around and

sketch downtown Las Vegas.

Everyone is invited to participate. Be sure to bring your sketch book and pencils and join Robert Dorgan, Assoc. AIA and the UNLV Architecture Students in capturing our city on paper. Informal sharing of sketches and discussion complete the days activities. For more information, please contact Robert Dorgan at Robert.Dorgan@unlv.edu.



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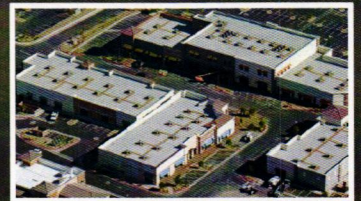
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There are over 600 associations and community service organizations in Las Vegas. While each has a different stated mission, in the final analysis they are all working toward one goal.... Building a better

Las Vegas. Can you imagine the difference that could be made and the kind of community we could have if all these organizations combined their energies and worked together collaboratively?

Design and construction affiliated organizations such as the ACEC, AGC, ABC, APA, APWA, ASID, CSI, NAIOP, SMPS, ASLA, SNHBA, ULI, USGBC and dozens of others share common objectives and face common challenges, especially in the current economy. By opening communications, sharing ideas and resources and working together, each organization can benefit their members as well as the community and become a stronger more effective organization.

With this in mind, AIA Las Vegas is issuing an invitation to representatives of these organizations to join us in a Design Coalition, for the purpose of working together to benefit all. An informal "meet and greet" reception will be held on Friday, April 17th at 5:00PM, in the AIA Las Vegas offices. Representatives from each organization are invited to attend.

Architecture is not only about the design and construction of buildings, it is about the future. It is about collaborative problem solving and seeing beyond the immediate. In these economically challenging times, it is especially important to support all aspects of the industry. AIA Las Vegas is currently promoting "Pencil Ready Projects" (as opposed to "shovel ready" projects). Shovel ready projects are once and done.... Pencil ready projects generate work for the whole design and construction industry – engineers, contractors, consultants, interior designers, landscape architects and fill the pipeline with work that expands into the future. Join us in the AIA LV Design Coalition and let's work together for a better future for all.

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2009 BILL TRACKING

AB298 (BDR 587) - Revises provisions relating to public works.

AB304 (BDR 641) - Makes various changes relating to the preservation of existing neighborhoods.

AB339 (BDR 58-520) - Authorizes the sale of electricity by an owner of property on which electricity is generated using renewable energy.

AB456 (BDR 58-121) - Provides for renewable energy installations and energy efficiency improvements for residential property.

AB457 (BDR 10-66) - Revises provisions relating to the energy efficiency of residential dwellings.

AB483 (BDR 28-932) - Revises the provisions governing the terms of certain contracts between public bodies and certain design professionals on public works.

SB49 (BDR 353) - Creates a requirement for a written contract between a client and an architect, registered interior designer or residential designer under certain circumstances.

SB90 (BDR 352) - Creates an emeritus title for certain architects, registered interior designers and residential designers.

SB91 (BDR 351) - Revises provisions governing architects, interior designers and residential designers.

SB114 (BDR 380) - Makes various changes relating to systems for obtaining and using solar energy and other renewable energy resources.

SB127 (BDR 596) - Exempts qualified persons or groups providing services as a project manager or construction manager to a long-term recovery group from regulation as a contractor.

SB165 (BDR 381) - Requires certain utilities that supply electricity in this State to include in the resource plan of the utility certain provisions relating to any future regulation of carbon emissions.

SB188 (BDR 379) - Establishes the Solar Hot Water Heating Systems Demonstration Program.

SB191 (BDR 1141) - Adopts the Uniform mechanical code and the National Electrical

SB242 (BDR 58-378) - Enacts provisions relating to energy efficiency, renewable energy and building construction.

SB298 (BDR 34-1075) - Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to plan for and establish programs for the study of renewable energy resources within the Nevada System of Higher Education

SB323 (BDR 28-1079) - Requires local governments to develop a plan for the retrofit of local government buildings with energy-efficient measures.

SB337 (BDR 2-1149) - Revises the statutes of repose relating to certain actions concerning construction defects.

SB349 (BDR 3-1151) - Makes various changes relating to constructional defects.

SB395 (BDR 58-1219) - Makes various changes regarding renewable energy and energy efficiency and alters the composition of the Commission on Economic Development.

To learn more about a particular bill or to read the bill in its entirety go to <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/> Select Session Information- Select 2009 Session - Select Bill Information and then Select either Assembly Bills (AB) or Senate Bills (SB). Locate the bill and click on the number to display the full bill as written.

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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CURT CARLSON, AIA, LEED AP

I'm not sure why it took so long to write this month's message. I think partially it's because I am waiting for something to happen – something good to happen. And I have seen some good things happening.

In the time since I was supposed to get this to publish, the stock market has been on a five-day upswing, mortgage rates have dropped and architects are acting like businessmen. The most encouraging of these is - architects acting like businessmen. I have never seen so many of the profession get involved with and take a stand on issues that will affect our profession. The grassroots effort in DC and Carson City may be frustrating to get started and get a foothold in, but I feel that we are making strides in building relationships in those areas.

Our increased interest in pending and new legislation has brought to light several significant issues to watch, not only for architects, but for our clients as well. The Legislative Affairs Committee is continuing to maintain contacts with bill sponsors and help write, re-write and refine wording on pending actions. We are also reaching out to other related organizations to garner support on similar measures and build off each others' contacts. I know we won't see eye to eye with every organization on every issue, but we are looking for opportunities to increase awareness and visibility by combining efforts. These efforts will also provide long-range benefits as well. This recession is going to take a little longer than anyone initially thought and we will need as much support as possible to get through it.

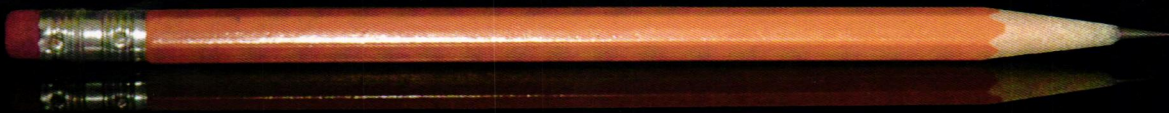
Our next challenge for architects as businessmen will be how to rebuild. There are a lot of articles coming out on how to position our firms to rebound, rebuild and re-grow. Just when the profession was at a level of consistent or growing workloads and staff and respectable fees for services, we find ourselves making adjustments to weather the storm. Revenues and billings are down for the most part at all firms and that means staff numbers are down as well. An unofficial straw poll of the valley indicates most firms have cut anywhere from 10-50% and unemployed architectural professionals number around 10,000 state-wide. It may sound cold and in-human, but sometimes for a business to survive it must cut costs in all areas.

Some people that have never been through a down-turn such as this, take it personally, when it is purely a business decision. I think the most important part of positioning to rebound is to accept that we will rebound. It may not be quick, it may not be as meteoric as before, but we will rebound. Hopefully we will come out of this and have learned a few lessons. I also think that coming out of this will reshape the profession in a couple of areas. Our staff will be different – in its experience and training level, and in its expectations to management as well as management's expectations of staff. I think firms will expand the types of services it provides to clients and be able to stabilize the financial base of a company. Technology will play an even more increasing role in the way drawings are produced and in the way buildings are designed, financed, built and operated. With an ever increasing emphasis on sustainability and alternative energy sources and tax incentives, our profession will be tasked with ways to incorporate theses into building designs while building more efficient, less costly structures.

I wouldn't dare venture to say that by this time next year everything will be OK – Jon Stewart may attack me. It's not business as usual anymore, it's a new challenge every day and a new challenge to be creative in different areas.

Pencil Ready Projects

*DESIGNING NEVADA'S
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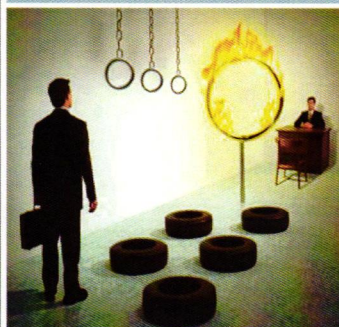
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When architects work.... the whole industry works. Rather than limiting our infrastructure stimulus funding on "shovel ready" projects, we need to start with the pencil and design projects that will expand into the future and generate jobs for contractors, engineers, consultants, interior designers, and landscapers, who will then hire the construction workers, the sub-contractors and so on. It begins with the pencil and it ends with a healthy economy. For every \$100M of capital funds invested in our state's building infrastructure, we create jobs for 10,000 Nevadans. We cannot fix our problems with "shovel ready" solutions alone. We need to think on a larger scale and create "pencil ready" projects that will benefit all Nevadans. Oh yes, and by the way....those pencils need to be green in order to build a strong, sustainable economy for our state. For more information on AIA Nevada's Pencil Ready Projects plan, visit our website at www.aianeveda.org.

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The AIA Nevada Livable Community Award was established to recognize and salute those individuals and organizations, outside of the architectural community, whose dedication, commitment and contributions to the security, arts and culture, revitalization, beauty and sustainability of our communities are making Nevada a better place to live.

Through this recognition and award AIA Nevada hopes to generate a greater awareness of what it takes to build a livable community. There are many individual Nevadans who are working everyday to make our communities better and create safer, more beautiful, sustainable and enjoyable places to live. They should be recognized for their efforts and encouraged to continue their work.

If you know.....work with.... or are affiliated with an individual, organization or firm that you think should be recognized for their efforts to make our community a better place, please submit their name and the reasons for your nomination to Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA at rlavigne@aianeveda.org. The AIA Nevada Executive Committee will review the nominations monthly, and will select individuals or organizations to be recognized.

FEBRUARY CONTRACTS FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE OF NEVADA

According to the Research and Analytics unit of McGraw-Hill Construction, February's construction activity followed this pattern:

	2009	2008	% Change
Nonresidential	\$60,004,000	\$322,052,000	-81%
Residential	\$47,309,000	\$174,820,000	-73%
Nonbuilding	\$54,768,000	\$266,653,000	-79%
Total construction	\$162,081,000	\$763,525,000	-79%

For the year-to-date on a cumulative basis, the totals are:

	2009	2008	% Change
Nonresidential	\$1,753,871,000	\$1,128,448,000	55%
Residential	\$89,716,000	\$304,986,000	-71%
Nonbuilding	\$113,927,000	\$343,085,000	-67%
Total construction	\$162,081,000	\$1,776,519,000	10%

- Nonresidential buildings include commercial, manufacturing, educational, religious, administrative, recreational, hotel, dormitory and other buildings.
- Residential buildings include one and two family houses and apartments.
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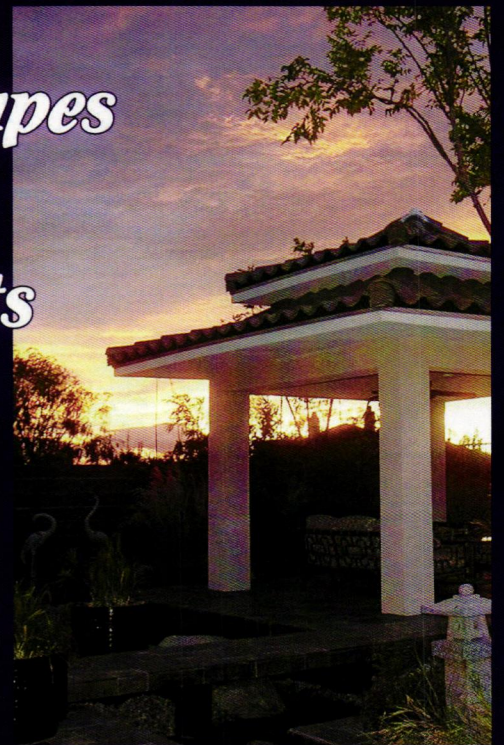
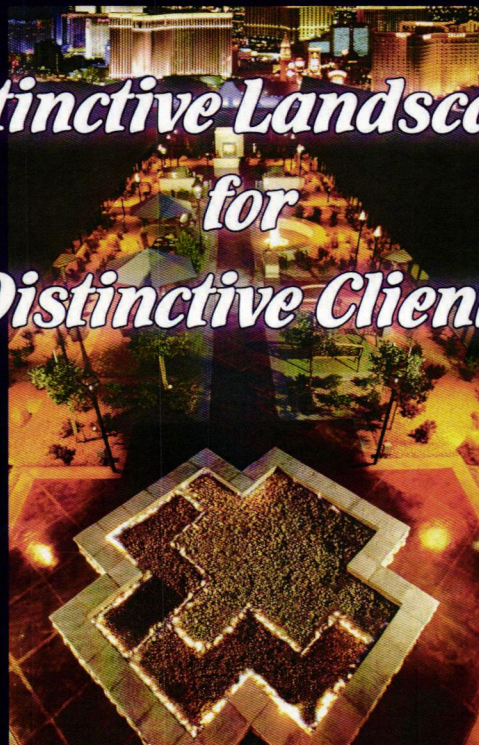
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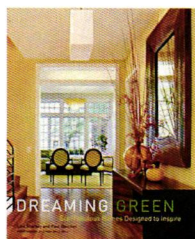
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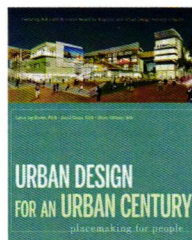
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The City of Las Vegas Planning & Development Department has scheduled customer training sessions about updates and revisions to the city's zoning codes and master and special area plans.

All of the sessions will be held at 5 p.m. at the Development Services Center in Conference Room 2B located at 731 S. Fourth St. The 2009 sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, May 5; Tuesday, August 4; and Tuesday, Nov. 3.

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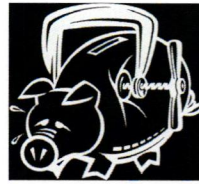


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*** Currently Most Programs and Locations are TBA unless otherwise noted.**

If you are interested in providing a CE Luncheon program, please contact Kelly Lavigne at klavigne@aianeveda.org or 702.895.0936. **Please note, you need to be an AIA National Registered Provider and complete the program registration process before your C.E. lunch can be scheduled (go to the AIA website at http://www.aia.org/conted_become_provider for more information.)**

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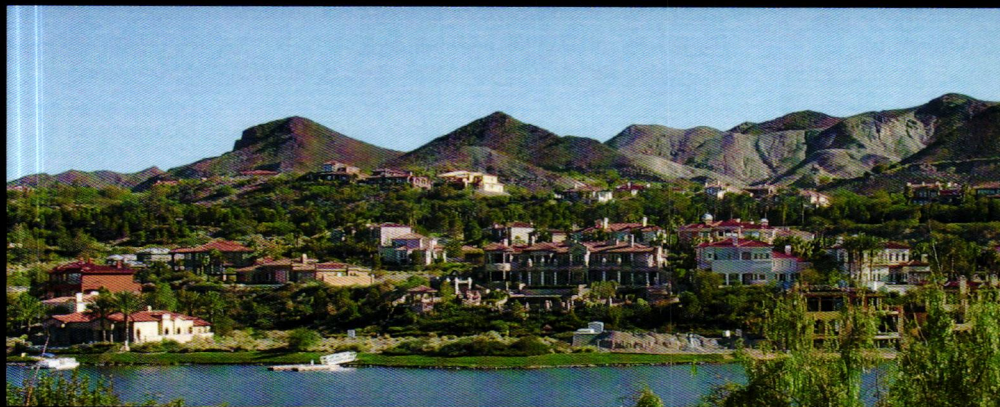


CURRENT ECONOMY AFFECTING CE LUNCHEON OPPORTUNITIES

We have received a few questions lately asking why we are offering fewer CE Luncheons this year. Unfortunately, with everyone suffering budget cuts due to the weak economy, we are having trouble finding providers. In the meantime, please remember that you can get your CE's by attending the AIA Las Vegas Monthly Membership Meetings, visiting the AIA National Site at www.aia.org, Ron Blank Associates at www.ronblank.com or Lorman Educational Services at www.lorman.com to find online courses.

Don't forget that at the end of April, you can attend the AIA National Convention in San Francisco to get CE's and in September, AIA Las Vegas will be hosting the AIA Nevada Design Conference where you will be able to receive even more CE's.

Please be assured that AIA Las Vegas is aware of your licensing issues in other states and we are working to get more CE Luncheons in the pipeline. **If you are a provider and are interested in hosting a CE Luncheon**, please call Kelly Lavigne at 702-895-0936 or email klavigne@aianeveda.org.



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CASHMAN EQUIPMENT received two Honor Awards at this year's 2009 NAOP Spotlight Awards ceremony held on March 14th. **MARY KAYE CASHMAN** accompanied **SHARCHITECTURE** to the stage to receive the Honor Award for Special Purpose

Industrial Building for EPG/Power Solutions and **KEVIN BURKE**, of **BURKE & ASSOCIATES**, accompanied **SHARCHITECTURE** to receive the Honor Award for Office Interiors: Public Spaces for Cashman Equipment's Corporate Headquarters on St. Rose Parkway. The Nevada Partners Culinary Training Academy in North Las Vegas also received a Merit Award for Redevelopment Project. **SHARCHITECTURE** received a total of five Merit Awards and two Honor Awards at this year's presentation. The annual event recognizes excellence in commercial real estate development projects.

CORE CONSTRUCTION announced the general contracting firm has completed construction on the replacement of Tom Williams Elementary School in North Las Vegas. The project, at 3000 E. Tonopah Ave., included demolition of the existing school and construction of a new 82,100-square-foot, two-story facility. The contract also incorporated completion of half street improvements to Belmont Street and Tonopah Avenue.

DOMINGO CAMBEIRO CORPORATION designed the one-of-a-kind school specific for the tight job site.



CRISCI BUILDERS announced the general contractor has begun construction on its new commercial building, Crisci Properties, LLC, at 8845 W. Flamingo Road in Las Vegas. The two-story, 17,450-square-foot project will house Crisci Builders' headquarters as well as accommodate two other tenants. The general contractor is completing ground-up construction on its professional building, which will include a 48-foot-tall rotunda with a dual spiral staircase. Completion of the building is scheduled for June 2009. **DAH DESIGNS** is the architect of record, and Crisci Builders' **FRANK BARRERA** is serving as project manager and **JOHN MURNANE** as superintendent. The project is valued at \$2.3 million.

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JMA was recently awarded CSN's Fire Station College Instructional Center. The 14,000 sq. ft. project will house a fully operational fire station for the City of Las Vegas and additional classrooms for the College of Southern Nevada.

JMA is also pleased to announce that **PAUL MINTO, PMP** and **MARKO BLAGOJEVIC, ASSOC. AIA**, have recently passed their LEED AP accreditation examinations.

NINYO & MOORE performed a design geotechnical evaluation, a pre-demolition asbestos survey, and quality assurance grading observation and materials testing services for the Freedom Park Renovations project in Las Vegas, Nevada. The project is estimated for completion in late 2009, with an approximate project cost of \$46 million.

INDIGO ARCHITECTURE is proud to announce the celebration of their 10th anniversary of providing design services in Nevada. They also announced the opening of their new office located at: 9480 S. Eastern Ave., Suite 205, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123. Phone and fax numbers have remained the same.



BURKE & ASSOCIATES announced that they have recently completed construction of the new Alexander Library and Park complex in North Las Vegas. The \$3.3 million, 16,400 square foot library included a computer facility for patrons,

meeting rooms and a children's library wing. The adjacent two acre public park includes tot lots, shade structures, paved and lighted walking paths and a demonstration garden. Working together with **LUCCHESI GALATI ARCHITECTS**, this project was managed by Burke Senior Project Manager **JOHN TRAVASSOS, LEED AP**.

Burke & Associates also announced that they have recently completed construction of phase two of the HELP @ Owens housing development in Las Vegas. This \$7 million dollar, four story housing complex and associated infrastructure will provide much needed affordable housing in the Las Vegas Valley. All fifty units are ADA accessible, fully furnished and include internet wiring. The facility also includes a fully equipped community room, central air and heating and support service area. This project was managed by Burke Senior Project Manager John Travassos, LEED AP, with architecture provided by **CLIFTON A. MARSHALL, AIA**.



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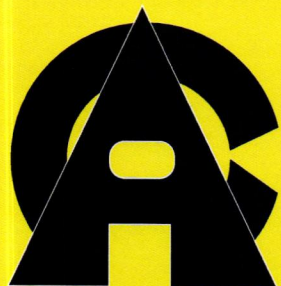
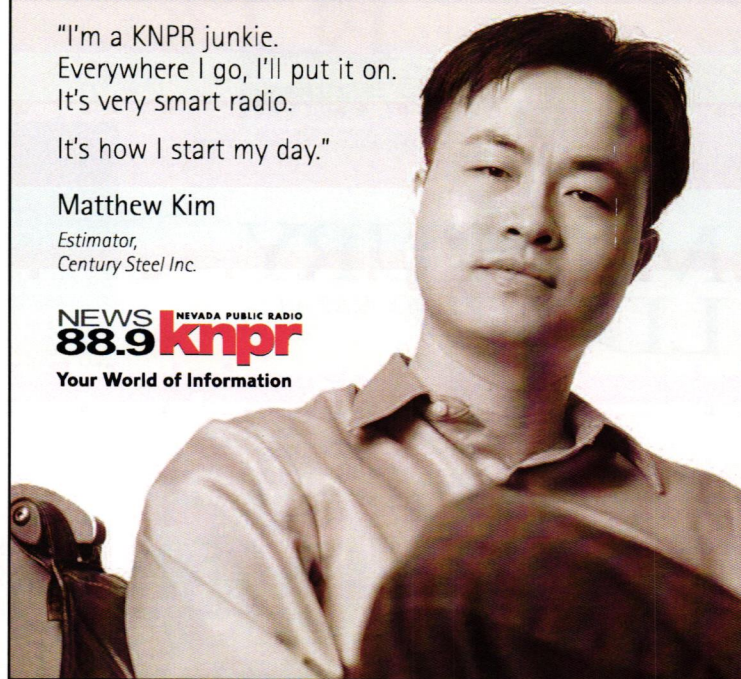
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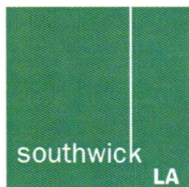


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